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SUBJ: SOYBEAN CAP AND EC IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON BEEF

1. I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY OF MY FIRST CALL ON THE NEW
GOL MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, JEAN HAMILIUS, JULY 9, TO
BRIEF HIM ON SEVERAL US CONCERNS REGARDING EC AGRICULTURAL
POLICIES, INCLUDING THE PROPOSED CAP FOR SYBEANS AND
EC IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON BEEF.

2. HAMILIUS AND HIS NEW DEPUTY, ALBERT BERCHEM, REPEATED
THE TIMEWORN ARGUMENTS FOR SECURITY OF SOYBEAN SUPPLIES
AND THE NEED FOR A DEGREE OF EC SELF SUFFICIENCY IN
SOYBEAN PRODUCTION. USING THE ARGUMENTS IN STATE 83747,
I POINTED OUT THAT SELF SUFFICIENCY WAS AN ILLUSION,
THAT A SOYBEAN CAP COULD INVOLVE HIGH COSTS, AND THAT
THE US RIGHTS UNDER THE GATT WOULD BE IMPAIRED BY EC
SUBSIDIES ON SOYBEANS. I ALSO EXPRESSED OUR CONCERN
OVER THE IMPOSITION OF EC IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON MEAT
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AND THE ADVERSE IMPACT THAT THESE RESTRICTIONS COULD

HAVE ON WORLD TRADE IN MEAT.

3. HAMILIUS, WHO HAS NO EXPERIENCE IN AGRICULTURAL MATTERS, SAID THAT HE AND BERCHEM HAD BEEN TOO BUSY PREPARING ARGUMENTS ON THE REVISED BUDGET THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT COALITION IS DEVELOPING TO BE ABLE TO FOCUS ON EC AGRICULTURAL POLICIES AND THEIR INTERNATIONAL RAMIFICATIONS. HE ADDED THAT, AT THIS POINT, HE HAS AN OPEN MIND ON THESE MATTERS AND HAS NOT YET DEVELOPED A GOL POSITION ON THEM. FARKAS

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